

REMARKS

Applicant submits this response to the final Office Action mailed June 1, 2005. Claims 23-34 and 58-79 are pending in the Application. Claims 23-27, 31, 33, 59-65, 67-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,956,016 to Kuenzner et al. Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuenzner et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,631,669 to Stobbs. Claims 28, 30, 32, 34, 58, 66, 71-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuenzner et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,450,079 to Dunaway. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Applicant has amended claims 23, 62, 71, and 76. The amendments are discussed in further detail below. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification and the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

I. Claims 23-27, 31, 33, 59-65, and 67-70, § 102(e)

Claims 23-27, 31, 33, 59-65, and 67-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,956,016 to Kuenzner et al. Applicant has amended claim 23. The rejection of claim 23 is thus moot. Claims 24-27, 31, 33, 59-65, and 67-70 depend from independent claim 23. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is also moot. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 23-27, 31, 33, 59-65, and 67-70 under 35 USC § 102(e).

II. Claim 29, § 103(a)

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuenzner et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,631,669 to Stobbs. Claim 29 depends ultimately from independent claim 23. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 29 is moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 29.

III. Claims 28, 30, 32, 34, 58, 66, and 71-79, § 103(a)

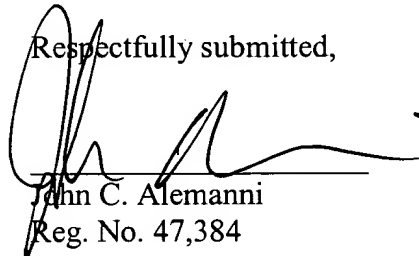
Claims 28, 30, 32, 34, 58, 66, 71-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuenzner et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,450,079 to Dunaway. Claims 28, 30, 32, 34, 58, and 66 depend ultimately from independent claim 23. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is now moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 28, 30, 32, 24, 58, and 66.

Applicant has also amended claim 71. Thus, the rejection of claim 71 is moot. Claims 72-79 depend ultimately from independent claim 71. Thus, the rejection of these claims is also moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 72-79.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, each of the pending claims is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the final rejection and to pass the application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss any matter related to the Application.

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